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Salisbury's Kylor Berkman Repeats As CAC Men's Lacrosse Player Of The Year; Sea Gulls Fr. Matt Cannone And St. Mary's Coach Chris Hasbrouck Also Honored

YORK, Pa. - Salisbury senior midfielder **Kylor Berkman** was named the CAC Men's Lacrosse Player of the Year for the second-straight season while teammate **Matt Cannone** was chosen as the CAC Rookie of the Year and St. Mary's mentor **Chris Hasbrouck** was selected as the Coach of the Year to lead the 2009 All-CAC team, selected by the conference coaches.

Berkman, a three-time first-team All-CAC player, is the fourth Sea Gull to win the Player of the Year award twice during his career, joining Jason Coffman (1995-96), Chris Turner (1999-00) and Chase Caruso (2006-07) in that elite group. A Salisbury player has won the award 15-straight years since the Gulls joined the CAC for the 1995 season. In 1998, Salisbury's Jason Tarnow shared the award with Marymount's Brian Rosenberger.

Cannone is the fourth Salisbury player to be named Rookie of the Year since the award was added in 1997. Previous Salisbury winners include Jarod Leiberhan (1998), Andy Arnold (2001) and Jeff Bigas (2002), who went on to win the 2005 Player of the Year honor.

Hasbrouck is the third SMC leader to win the CAC Coach of the Year award. Jason Hurley captured the honor in 1995 and 1998, and Jayme Block was the 2004 honoree.

Berkman and Cannone were the only Salisbury players named to the All-CAC first-team this season. The fifth-ranked Gulls, who won their 15th-straight conference crown, also placed senior defender **Kevin Maynard**, junior defensive middle **Will Poletis** and junior short stick specialist **Ryan Finch** on the All-CAC second team. Maynard was a second-team all-star last year.

Stevenson, which handed Salisbury its first-ever loss in CAC play earlier this year and won the regular-season championship, led the way with eight players on the All-CAC team. Attackmen **Jimmy Dailey** and **Steve Kazimer**, along with senior midfielder **Nic Bevacqua** and senior defender **Mike Simon**, were first-team honorees. Earning second-team All-CAC nods were junior **Richie Ford** on the attack, seniors **Greg Furshman** and **Brett Yoder** in the midfield and sophomore **Evan Douglass** on defense. Furshman is making his third-straight appearance on the All-CAC team while Kazimer and Ford were first-team honorees in 2008. Dailey was a 2007 first-team choice and Co-Rookie of the Year.

St. Mary's, which tied Salisbury for second place in the CAC regular season, and Wesley, which tied York for fourth place in the regular-season standings, were also strongly represented on the 2009 All-CAC men's lacrosse team.

Joining Coach Hasbrouck on the list of honorees as first-team all-stars from SMC are junior midfielder **Ryan Alexander** and seniors **Ryder Henry** and **Marc DiPasquale**. Alexander, the 2007 Co-Rookie of the Year, and DiPasquale are both making their third All-CAC team appearance. Second-team selections included sophomore attack **Dennis Rosson**, the 2008 Rookie of the Year, senior defender **A.J. Armstrong** and sophomore goalie **Pat Simpson**.

Wesley players earned five All-CAC nods, including junior attack **Brad Smith**, senior defender **Kirk Waldie** and senior goalie **Jim McCleaff** on the first team as well as midfielders **Nick Pisacano** and **Justin Thompson** on the second team. Waldie and McCleaff are both repeat selections on the All-CAC first team.

York earned two defensive positions on the All-CAC team, including senior three-time all-star **Steve Mersinger** on the first team and senior **John Gaeta** as a second-team choice.

Marymount junior attack **Kevin Conklin** completes the second-team all-star squad. It's the third-straight year Conklin has earned second team recognition, including CAC Rookie of the Year in 2006. He's the only player to earn CAC post-season recognition in each of the last four years.

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2009 All-CAC Men's Lacrosse Team

<u>First Team</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>	<u>Previous Honors</u>
Jimmy Dailey	So.	Att	Stevenson	Westminster, Md./Winter Mills	1st & Co-ROY in '07
Matt Cannone	Fr.	Att	Salisbury	Bayport, N.Y./Bethpage	
Steve Kazimer	Jr.	Att	Stevenson	Syracuse, N.Y./Henninger	1st in '08
Brad Smith	Jr.	Att	Wesley	Glen Burnie, Md./Glen Burnie	
Ryan Alexander	Jr.	Mid	St. Mary's	Laurel, Md./St. Vincent Pallotti	1st in '08, 1st & Co-ROY in '07
Kylor Berkman	Sr.	Mid	Salisbury	Salisbury, Md./Parkside	1st & POY in '08, 1st in '07
Nic Bevacqua	Sr.	Mid	Stevenson	Boonton Twp., N.J./Mt. Lakes	2nd in '07
Steve Mersinger	Sr.	Def	York	Westminster, Md./Westminster	1st in '08, 2nd in '07
Mike Simon	Sr.	Def	Stevenson	Fallston, Md./Fallston	
Kirk Waldie	Sr.	Def	Wesley	Folsom, Pa./Ridley	1st in '08
Ryder Henry	Sr.	DM	St. Mary's	Washington, D.C./St. John's Col.	
Marc DiPasquale	Sr.	SS	St. Mary's	Fallston, Md./Boys Latin	1st in '08, 2nd in '07
Jim McCleaff	Sr.	GK	Wesley	Media, Pa./Sun Valley	1st in '08
<u>Second Team</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>	<u>Previous Honors</u>
Kevin Conklin	Jr.	Att	Marymount	Parsonburg, Md./Wicomico	2nd in '08, 2nd in '07, ROY in '06
Richie Ford	Jr.	Att	Stevenson	Baltimore, Md./Towson	1st in '08
Dennis Rosson	So.	Att.	St. Mary's	Severna Park, Md./Severn	2nd & ROY in '08
Greg Furshman	Sr.	Mid	Stevenson	Miami, Fla./Towson	1st in '08, 2nd in '07
Nick Pisacano	Jr.	Mid	Wesley	Kings Park, N.Y./Kings Park	
Justin Thompson	Sr.	Mid	Wesley	Pasadena, Md./North East	
Brett Yoder	Sr.	Mid	Stevenson	Parkton, Md./Hereford	2nd in '06
A.J. Armstrong	Sr.	Def	St. Mary's	Arnold, Md./Broadneck	2nd in '08
Evan Douglass	So.	Def	Stevenson	Exeter, N.H./Exeter	
Kevin Maynard	Sr.	Def	Salisbury	Salisbury, Md./Parkside	2nd in '08
John Gaeta	Sr.	DM	York	Bel Air, Md./Archbishop Curley	
Will Poletis	Jr.	DM	Salisbury	Baltimore, Md./Loyola Blakefield	
Ryan Finch	Jr.	SS	Salisbury	Finksburg, Md./Westminster	
Pat Simpson	So.	GK	St. Mary's	Arnold, Md./Broadneck	

2009 CAC Player of the Year: Kylor Berkman, Salisbury (also in 2008)

2009 CAC Rookie of the Year: Matt Cannone, Salisbury

2009 CAC Coach of the Year: Chris Hasbrouck, St. Mary's (first time)